

JULY 30,

Recently, 23 retired judges and court commissioners volunteered to return to service to help handle the increasing volume of civil cases that have created a serious backlog in our Superior Court system.

I strongly support the continued participation of individuals who have retired but still retain years of knowledge plus an enthusiasm to participate in the continued activities of the County. I also believe that we have only scratched the surface of the available retired employee work force.

Yesterday, my staff met with the Executive Board of Directors of the Retired Employees of Los Angeles County, and they suggested a number of ways in which they would be happy to participate, including: manning the information booths in the various County civic centers, serving as staff to the various commissions, perhaps working in mail distribution centers, or serving as inspectors for the County Engineer to help speed up the building process. They have also expressed an interest in volunteering services as investigators for the many, many workers' compensation claims that are driving up costs to County taxpayers.

I am certain there many other examples of appropriate tasks and believe we should take every step possible to utilize these former employees and members of the community who are interested in volunteering.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT:

1. The County Chief Administrative Officer, working with the Retired Employees of Los Angeles County, establish a program that will encourage departments to contact the Retired Employees Association for voluntary support;
2. All department heads be directed to seek community participation in voluntary programs within their individual departments;
3. This County support any legislation required to permit the temporary reemployment of retired County employees where appropriate; and
4. The Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel report back to this Board on legislation or ordinance changes that would be required to implement a voluntary workers program.